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New application
corr. to International Patent
Application PCT No. FR96/01149

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For: A TUBE FOR A NUCLEAR FUEL ASSEMBLY, AND A
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SUCH A TUBE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

To Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R:

Pursuant to C.F.R. 1.97-1.99 the Applicants hereby
submit the attached:

- (a) list of prior art which has been cited in the Search
Report prepared by the European Patent Office with respect to
the corresponding French Application;
- (b) a copy of the Search Report, which is attached for the
U.S. Examiner to know the first opinion of the Examiner of the
E.P.O. and the portions of the references found pertinent by the
latter;
- (c) a copy of the references cited under (a).

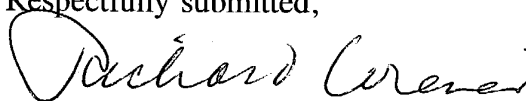
It is regretted that no counterpart in English was
found for International Patent No. WO 94/23081.

As regards the prior art which is not in English, the
Search Report comprises indications which constitute the

required "concise statement of relevance".

Consideration and citation of the references are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Wiener", written over a horizontal line.

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